



## BROOMHAUGH C OF E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2025

Dear Families,

It has been another busy week in school this week. Thank you for all of your support with today's events and the storm.

Reception welcomed Liz Charman into school this week to talk all things birds. The children shared their knowledge about the garden birds they typically see as well as learning to name others. Liz was blown away by their knowledge and enthusiasm and was thrilled that they're keen to continue as we take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch 2025 over the next few days. Look out for our fact books *winging* their way to you, Liz!

Follow the link below to see how you can get involved at home too.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

All of the children at Broomhaugh First School are passionate about protecting our wildlife and it has been a real joy this week to see their enthusiasm.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for filling in the parent survey. It is a vital part of school improvement and we truly value all comments. Following this, I wanted to give you all an update of what will be happening over the coming weeks!

- Our focus in assembly time this half term is our Christian Value of respect, and the children are considering how this applies to the grounds. The School Council will complete a walk around the whole site and provide a list of actions for Mr. Gardner and I to complete. We are so grateful for their help! The Eco Council and School Council are also organising and leading the development of the Secret Garden.
- Further to this, the children are focusing on how respect also applies to their playground equipment, making sure that it is collected and stored at the end of playtime. Please help us in this mission by keeping them off grassy areas before and after school and encouraging them to pick up any stray equipment.

Once the weather improves, we will then be able to begin developing the Secret Garden space within school. If anyone would like to volunteer time to help with these projects, please do get in touch via the school office. We are working closely with our fabulous [Fundraising Committee](#) to plan the new Secret Garden – more details to follow soon!

Finally, we said goodbye to Mrs. Cave this week after 14 fabulous years. Thursday brought a day of celebrations as we gave her a very special send off. Amanda, we all wish you the very best of luck in your new career with the NHS. Be brilliant!

Have a lovely weekend!

**S Hart & N Burton**  
**Executive Head Teacher**  
**Deputy Head Teacher**



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## **Lateness**

The school day for Reception to Year 4 is set out below:

- Monday – Friday: 8.45am to 3.15pm

These times have been in place since September 2024.

The school gates are open from 8.35am each day, with a member of staff on duty, and children will line up in the usual way for a prompt 8.45am start. We currently have a number of families arriving late and entering through the main entrance, which is causing quite an unsettled start to our learning. Please do make every attempt to have the children on site on time.

## **Roller Skating Lessons for Adults: Fun, Fitness & Friendship**

Join us for roller skating lessons designed for adults of all skill levels! Whether you're looking to get fit, have fun or learn a new skill, this is the perfect opportunity. Learn to skate in a safe and welcoming environment with trained coaches.

- Dates: Sunday 9th March & Sunday 16th March 2025
- Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- Location: Wentworth Leisure Centre Sports Hall, Hexham
- Bring your own skates
- £10 per session with all proceeds going to Broomhaugh CofE First School. Payments can be made through Parentmail or in cash to school.
- Don't miss out on the chance to learn a new skill and get active!

To sign up, please follow the link [here](#).

An all-ages roller disco will then follow the sessions on Sunday 23rd March, 2-4pm (details to follow), so why not sign up, gain confidence and skate out with your family at a fun event!

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the school office via [admin@broomhaugh.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@broomhaugh.northumberland.sch.uk) or catch Mrs. Hart on the gate.

## **Rainbow Day 2025**

On Friday 31st January 2025 we are once again holding our Rainbow Day where we celebrate equality, diversity and inclusion. This year we are going to be exploring two key themes: gender stereotypes and mental health and wellbeing.

The Diversity Council has met and (thoroughly!) planned an exciting day of events for everyone in school. Throughout the day, we will be sharing books linked to gender stereotypes and mental health as well as taking part in wellbeing activities and workshops. The Be You team will also be visiting us on the day to deliver an assembly on mental wellbeing and a workshop to Years 3 and 4.

Rainbow Day will be a non-uniform day. This year, the Diversity Council would like everyone to come to school dressed as a rainbow. The more colours, the better! Be creative and wear something that makes you feel amazing!

Alongside this, we're welcoming back our "Rainbow Bake Off!" We are all unique like each colour of the rainbow and we believe we should always celebrate our differences and interests! Children are invited to bake and decorate up to 6 cupcakes or biscuits at home, based around the theme of, "my hobbies and interests." The Diversity Council was very keen to have a hobby theme and celebrate what makes each of us unique!

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Please can they bring their bakes to school on the morning of Friday 31st January. Marrie and Ellen will be tasked with the hardest job of judging a class winner! The cakes will then be available at our donation station under the canopy at 3.15pm with proceeds going to our nominated charity, Tanga Club. We hope to see you there!

On your marks, get set, BAKE!

Many thanks for your support with one of our favourite days of the year!

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## Dates for your Diary

New dates have been added in red:

Date	Event	Notes
<b>January 2025</b>		
Wednesday 29	Year 2 Parent Lunch	Information sent out
Friday 31	Rainbow Day	Packed Lunch pupils invited for Themed Day lunch
<b>February</b>		
Wednesday 5	Reception Class at St James Church Year 3 Parent Lunch	Local/Short Walks agreed More Info to follow
Wednesday 12	Year 4 Parent Lunch	More Info to follow
Friday 14	Valentine's Lunch	
Monday 17	Professor Brainstorm	Science Workshop
Thursday 20	School Breaks up for Half Term	
<b>March</b>		
Monday 3	School Reopens	
Thursday 6	World Book Day	More Info to follow
Sunday 9	Roller Skating Lesson for Adults @ Wentworth Leisure Centre	More Information to follow
Sunday 16	Roller Skating Lesson for Adults @ Wentworth Leisure Centre	More Information to follow
Sunday 23	Roller Skating Disco for All @ Wentworth Leisure Centre	More Information to follow
Tuesday 25	KS2 Federation Sporting Event @ Corbridge First School	Football
Monday 31	Spring Music Concert All Welcome @ St James Church	More Info to follow
Friday 21	Red Nose Day	
<b>April</b>		
Thursday 10	Easter Service Whole School	St James Church 9am All Welcome
Friday 11 April	School Closes for Easter 3:15	
Monday 28 April	School Re-opens	
Tuesday 29	Cricket Engagement day - All year groups	More Information to follow
<b>May</b>		
Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday	School Closed
Wednesday 14	Water Aid Workshop	Christian Aid Week
Thursday 22	KS2 Federation Sporting Event @ Wentworth Leisure Centre Year 4 Residential to Ford Castle	Athletics More Information to follow
Friday 23 May	School Closed for half term 3:15	
<b>June</b>		
Monday 2	School Re-opens	
Tuesday 10	Golf in school for all years (am)	Close House Coach in school
Wednesday 11	Teddy Bears Picnic Lunch	
Tuesday 17	Golf in school for all years (am)	Close House Coach in school
Wednesday 18	Leavers Service @ Newcastle Cathedral 1pm -3pm	More Info to follow
Tuesday 24	Golf in school for Receptions	Close House Coach in school

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	KS1am/ KS2 pm Federation Sporting Event @ Corbridge Cricket Club	Cricket
<b>July</b>		
Tuesday 8	Transfer Day for all Year Groups	More Info to follow
Wednesday 16	Leavers Lunch	
Friday 18	School Closes for Summer Holidays 3:15	
<b>September</b>		
Tuesday 2	School Re-Opens	